

The 2005 JSPS Fellowship for Japanese Biomedical and Behavioral Researchers at NIH

Scope and Purpose of the Program

This program is offered at NIH by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), in cooperation with the NIH's Fogarty International Center (FIC), Division of International Training and Research and the NIH Office of Intramural Research. It is designed to support meritorious biomedical and behavioral research projects undertaken in NIH laboratories by young Japanese postdoctoral researchers who intend to have research positions at Japanese universities or other academic institutions or public institutions in Japan in the future. These researchers must presently be, or have a commitment to be, funded by NIH to conduct research at a NIH Institute. You may apply if you work or have obtained consent to work under a researcher employed at NIH, even though you are not a full-time paid researcher at NIH.

Terms and Conditions

1. *Number of Fellowships awarded annually:*

Approximately 20 Fellowships

2. *Duration and commencement of Fellowship:*

Duration 2 years

Fellowships must begin on January 1, February 1, or March 1, 2006.

3. *Financial terms of the Fellowship:*

JSPS will provide each Fellow with a monthly stipend of ¥379,000 directly deposited into the designated bank account in Japan or US. Each individual Institute or Center may wish to add additional funds to supplement the JSPS stipend, but are not obligated.

4. *JSPS stipulations for eligibility:*

- Candidates must presently be, or have a commitment to be, funded by NIH or have consent to work under a researcher even though you are not a paid researcher to conduct research at a NIH Institute or Center.
- Candidates who are already working in the United States must be eligible for an extension of their visa.
- Candidates must hold a doctoral degree, **hakushi**. Certification (gakui shutoku shomeisho) must be in the form of a diploma with an original seal and signature (not a photocopy) from the university where the doctoral degree was obtained (in Japanese if from a Japanese university) and must be attached to the application forms. This document does not need to be translated into English.
- Candidates must be under 34 years of age as of April 1, 2005 (under 36 years of age for candidates with a doctoral degree in such fields as medicine, dental science, or veterinary medicine).

- Candidates must be Japanese citizens or permanent residents of Japan.
- Other than a research position at a university, an inter-university research institute, a national laboratory or an independent administrative agency, a special public corporation, an authorized corporation, a non-profit organization, a prefectural research institution that research and develop in Japan, candidates must not have employment commitments outside of the fellowship program, including part-time work.

5. *Obligations:*

- Fellows must invest their time during the duration of the fellowship solely on their research work at NIH.
- Fellows must prepare and submit an annual report on their research progress in Japanese to the JSPS Washington Office and in English to the Scientific Director and supervisor of their host laboratory at NIH, and in English to the Fogarty International Center.

6. *Deadlines and selection procedures:*

- **May 27: Deadline for receipt of original applications to FIC (in both Japanese and English). Applications must be approved through their administrative office of the IC. (an internal routing slip with the AO's approving signature will do).**
- In July: An NIH review committee nominates approximately top 20 applicants to JSPS.
- In October: JSPS mails out preliminary letters of selection to fellowship awardees and notifies NIH. ICs at NIH begin to process paperwork to accommodate fellowship awardees.
- January 1, February 1, March 1, 2006: Stipends awarded.

7. *NOTE:* The names of the fellows and their host researchers as well as their research themes and reports are subject to public disclosure.

For application forms, and further information please contact:

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